



TROPHY COLLECTOR . . . Earle Freeland of Torrance, a meter reader for Southern California Gas Co., is shown with the collection of trophies he has amassed over a 10-year period of cycle racing. He has won 18 trophies, 12 for first place.

Meter Reader Has Unusual Hobby -- Winning Bike Races

For a man who spends his working hours a-foot, Earle Freeland's hobby is as far removed as possible from walking. Freeland, who lives at 5418 Riviera Way, Torrance, is a meter reader for the Southern California Gas Co. in its southwest division, and spends most of his spare time competing in motorbike races.

Over a period of some 10 years he has participated in over 150 meets and races, including an endurance run of 520 miles across a roadless desert.

Winner of a total of 18 trophies—12 of them for placing first—his awards commemorate his winning efforts in the Hare and Hounds desert race, the Scramble race, the regular race on an improved track, the obstacle course race, and several hill climbs.

In addition, Freeland has captured the Catalina Grand Prix twice, placing first in 1951 in the 350-cc class, and first in the 250-cc class in 1954. At present he rides a Triumph TR6, low-g geared for racing.

A firm believer in motorbike safety precautions, Freeland belongs to several motorbike organizations, most of which are members of the safety-conscious American Motorcycle Assn.

LEAD WEIGHT
Lead is seven and one-third times heavier than water.

Playground Schedules for The Week

The following activities and special events are scheduled from July 1st until July 5th at McMasters, Torrance, Walteria, El Retiro, and Sea-Aire Parks. The theme for the week is optional and will either be a continuation of "Buccaneer Days" or "Let's Pretend."

McMaster Park
On July 1 a scrap crafts program is planned for 10; a storytelling contest for 2. There will be a field trip and scavenger hunt on July 2. The time will be announced later. July 3 is "surprise" day. Only July 4 at 7 there will be a family night program. This will include games, outdoor movies featuring cartoons, travel films, etc. July 5 from 10 to 1 is the family "play day" and will offer such activities as crafts, games and picnic lunches.

Torrance Park
At 11 on July 1 the Story Hour Specialist will offer her program; the rest of the time will be taken up in tournaments. Circle games are planned for July 2 at 10; the afternoon craft program will be in session. A cook-out will be held on July 3 at 11; the instrumental program will be held from 1 to 5. July 4 will consist of supervised play. On July 5 a "Pirate Day" costume contest is planned at 3 with refreshments following at 4.

Walteria Park
On July 1 the crafts program starting at 1 will consist of decorated bikes. On July 2 a bicycle club parade is planned for 1. The crafts program for July 3 will consist of art, charcoal, woodburning and clay scheduled for 1. July 4 is scheduled for supervised play and will include tournaments, baseball games and relays. A hot dog feed is scheduled for 12 on July 5; picnic games will follow.

El Retiro
On July 1 at 1 tournaments are planned; the story hour will be held at 2. A hamburger feed with punch is planned for 12. At 1 on July 5 there will be a mask contest.

Sea-Aire
The following activities are scheduled for 2 every afternoon. On July 1 tournaments are planned and points earned from these contests will apply toward trophies to be given at the end of summer. A cook-out is planned for July 2 at 2. At 11:30 the story hour will be held and at 2 on July 3 a pet show is planned. July 4 will consist of supervised play. July 5 is "surprise day."

The parks in Torrance are offering a program of games, crafts, supervised play and other activities in addition to the special events mentioned above.

Optometrist at Meet
Dr. Allen L. Pycatt, Torrance optometrist and member of the Los Angeles Optometric Assn., attended the 60th Annual American Optometric Association Congress, June 23-26 at the Statler Hotel.

Summer Musical Concert Planned for Bandshell

It's cool, man, cool. According to Jim Davidson, director of the Torrance Recreation Department instrumental music program, here is a wonderful opportunity for young musicians.

Just because school is out and summer vacation is here, this is no time for the trumpet to lose his lip or the clarinetist, his touch. Simply notice the park music schedule, below, and bring your instrument to the park nearest your home for a bowing, blowing, and drumming session with Jim Davidson.

Many different types of music will be played at these musical get-togethers: marches, waltzes, hoe-downs, polkas and, of course, popular songs.

Concert Planned
Not only will the budding instrumentalists practice together at the Torrance parks, but will be given opportunities to display their talent at special "Family Night" programs and at a combined "All Parks Concert" to be presented at the Torrance Bandshell on Aug. 11.

A typical park program consists first of one rehearsal approximately 50 minutes in length for those who had one year or less of experience. This is the beginning group. Following this group there is another rehearsal also of 50 minutes' duration for those who have had more than one year's playing experience. These are the regulars. The rest of the afternoon is spent working with the players by sections and with special combinations of instruments such as small combos and with individuals if time permits.

Everybody participating is encouraged to prepare for public performance. This they can do at the individual park and playground talent shows presented in Torrance Park, at the bandshell, on Sunday afternoons.

Instruction Offered

This program has been set up by the Torrance Recreation Department to provide for the needs of youngsters interested in this activity. This is an opportunity to gain through instruction and to enjoy an interesting part of the program as well as advance culturally.

The park schedule for the instrumental music program is: Sea-Aire Park, Monday afternoon, 1 to 5; McMaster Park, Tuesday afternoon, 1 to 5; El Nido Park, Wednesday morning, 9 to noon; Torrance Park, Wednesday afternoon at the Civic Auditorium from 1 to 5; El Retiro Park, Thursday afternoon, 1 to 5, and Walteria Park, Friday afternoon from 1 to 5.

Horkey Given GE Work

Horkey Associates, has received a \$200,000 contract from the General Electric Co.'s Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Department, E. J. Horkey, president of the Torrance engineering firm, has announced. The contract is for a design project extending into 1958.

Horkey Associates, organized in 1956, is an engineering, research, design and development firm specializing in aeronautical research and development, and associated investigations.

Electric Club To Visit at Rome Cable

Some 70 member of the San Gabriel Valley Electric Club will be guests of Rome Cable Corp. at the company's local plant Tuesday evening, July 9.

The club's membership is made up of electrical wholesalers, contractors and material suppliers in the San Gabriel Valley. The group will be given a tour of the plant during which they will see the many operations, from raw material to finished product, involved in the manufacture of steel tubing for use in electrical installations. After the plant tour the group will adjourn for refreshments and dinner.

Arrangements for the visit were made by R. E. Gates, Torrance plant sales manager, and E. C. Gilmore, sales representative in Rome Cable's Los Angeles office.

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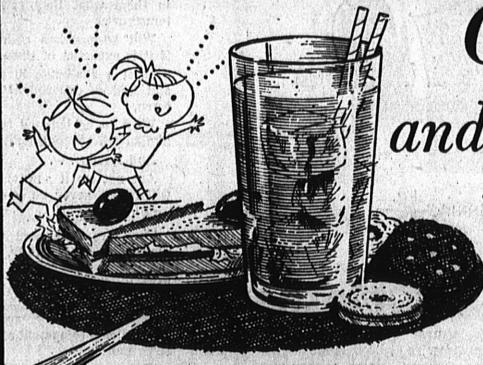
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